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SUBJECT: REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR UN DESERTIFICA-
TION CONFERENCE

REFERENCE: (A) GENEVA 5972, (B) STATE 183862

1. BASED ON INFORMATION CONVEYED REF (A) RE FACT THAT RE-
GIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS ARE TO BE INTERGOVERNMENTAL IN
NATURE RATHER THAN MEETINGS OF EXPERTS, US WILL NOT REPEAT
NOT BE IN POSITION TO HOST REGIONAL MEETING IN CONJUNCTION
WITH AAAS ANNUAL MEETING IN DENVER NEXT FEBRUARY SHOULD
FORMAL INVITATION BE EXTENDED BY UNEP. AS POINTED OUT IN
REF (B), PARA 5, US WILL BE SERVING AS HOST FOR UNEP-'
SPONSORED MEETING ON OZONE DEPLETION THAT SAME MONTH, AND
NECESSARY BUDGETARY AND MANPOWER RESOURCES ARE NOT AVAILA-
BLE TO ASSUME ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

2- FURTHER CONSIDERATION IS OUR BELIEF THAT LATIN AMERICAN
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VENUE BETTER SUITED FOR HEMISPHERIC MEETING DESIGNED TO

ELICIT FORMAL GOVERNMENTAL REACTIONS TO DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION
TO BE APPROVED AT DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE.

MISSION AND EMBASSY ARE REQUESTED TO CONVEY ABOVE INFORMA-
TION TO TOWNLEY AND TOLBA AS APPROPRIATE. DEPARTMENT UNDER-
STANDS THAT HAROLD DREGNE, TEXAS TECH AND AAAS, WILL INFORM

TOLBA OF THIS SAME POSITION VIA PERSONAL LETTER. KISSINGER

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